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POWER
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GAS BASED POWER PROJECT
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some gas based power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the States where these power projects were proposed to be set up;

(c) whether the tenders invited earlier were rejected and fresh bids have been invited by NTPC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : The details of gas based power projects proposed to be set up in the States, are given at Annexure.

(c) & (d) : National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC) had drawn up an expansion plan for four gas based projects, viz. Kawas CCPP-II, Jhanor- Gandhar CCPP-II, Anta CCPP-II and Auraiya CCPP-II of a capacity of 650 MW each aggregating to 2600 MW targeted for commissioning within the 9th Plan period. The bidding process for these projects were initiated by NTPC during 1998 and till date the bids could not be finalised due to various technical reasons and non-responsive bid. As the projects are of vital national importance, Government is anxious that no further time is lost in implementation of these projects. NTPC was accordingly advised by the Ministry in the public interest to finalise the bids by negotiating with the bidders on the basis of a legal opinion taken from the Additional Solicitor General. However, NTPC, taking into account certain major deviations on various specifications and requirements, treated both the bids as non-responsive and decided to rebid. A review of bidding conditions has been undertaken by NTPC and rebidding is being done for Main Plant Packages of these Combined Cycle Projects on International Competitive Bidding (ICB) basis.